

Messages of the Love of God



Tang

TANG WAS a brave Newfoundland dog, a most valuable member of the crew of the Ethie, a Newfoundland fishing boat. The Ethie never sailed without Tang on board, and one day the dog proved more valuable than any of the crew.

Many a sailor's life has been saved by the ship's dog. These dogs are trained, on command, to leap into the ocean and swim for shore with the end of a rope in his mouth. In shipwreck this becomes a lifeline for the sailors to reach land.

The Newfoundland dog has natural love for the water. His waterproof coat, web feet, and great strength, suits him as no other animal to be the fisherman's companion.

One day the Ethie was caught in a terrible winter storm which forced the ship closer and closer to the rocks until the Ethie struck.

Then the great crashing waves began to break the ship apart like a toy. The crew fired rockets ashore to call for help, but the waves were so high the men on shore could not get a lifeboat out to the doomed Ethie.

One brave member of the crew volunteered to swim ashore pulling the end of the lifeline. But even as the crew looked on, the cruel waves dashed him against the rocks and he perished.

Fear filled the hearts of the crewmen now, for their ship was being torn apart under their very feet. They knew they were lost.

Suddenly the captain thought of Tang. Would he be able to take the lifeline to shore?

"To shore, Tang!" commanded the captain, and Tang leaped into the water, only to be spun over and over among the rocks by the savage waves. But Tang got his balance

again, bounded clear of the deadly rocks and with the lifeline in his jaws, looking like a tiny speck amid the white caps, he swam for shore. As he reached the land, a rescue party gladly took the lifeline from his mouth. As a result, every man on board was saved.

How sad that one sailor was lost trying to swim for shore! If only he had relied on Tang, he would have been saved, like the rest.

Yet there is something sadder than that. Many, many people think they can get to heaven by their own strength, and save themselves from death and judgment. But God knows we are without strength, because we are sinners. That is why God gave His blessed Son, "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6).

The Lord Jesus crossed those deep, dark waters of death and judgment all alone — the billows of God's wrath against sin rolled over His blessed head, so that He could say, "all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over Me." *Psa. 42:7.* But in His resurrection, He rose the mighty victor over death and the grave, and now He is the lifeline that stretches from earth to heaven. All who trust Him as their Saviour pass from death unto life, and all will be landed safely on the heavenly shore.

If He is not your Saviour, dear reader, trust Him now. Or you will surely go down, like the *Ethie*, beneath those raging waves of judgment.

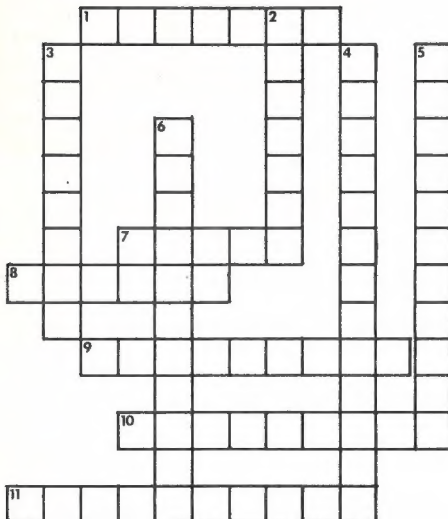
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." *John 3:16.*

Try to
complete this
gospel text.

Luke 5

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The Epistles of Paul



Memorize the books of the Bible and their order so that you can readily turn to a passage of Scripture. This crossword covers the epistles of Paul.

ACROSS:

1. The two books before TITUS.
7. The second book before HEBREWS.
8. The book after ACTS.
9. The book after GALATIANS.
10. The third book before COLOSSIANS.
11. The book after PHILIPPIANS.

DOWN:

2. The book before JAMES.
3. The second book before JAMES.
4. The two books after COLOSSIANS.
5. The second book after GALATIANS.
6. The two books after ROMANS.

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Daniel's God Lives



IT WAS a hot day in Africa and May, the missionary's little daughter wandered down to the pool by the river. For some time she enjoyed cooling her little feet as she waded in the water, but then it began to grow dark.

She started up the path toward home but the long dark shadows of approaching night frightened her. Strange night sounds, the cries of birds and beasts, sent shivers through her little frame and she was afraid to go up the lonely path. Turning back she waded into the pool again and sat huddled upon a rock with fear.

At home mother and father hunted frantically for their little girl and everyone in the mission joined in the search. They spent the whole night calling and searching, but to no avail. Dawn was lighting the sky when they found the little girl asleep on the rock in the shallow water of the pool.

Oh how thankful they were to the Lord for preserving their little one. "But weren't you terribly frightened, out here alone all night?" asked Mother.

"Well, yes — I was, just at first," answered little May. "But then I remembered that the Lord Jesus could take care of me out here just as well as at home in bed. So I just prayed and asked Him to!"

"And He did," she went on simply. "But you should have been

here to see. Why, He sent a whole lot of great big dogs who sat around me all night and took care of me."

She waved her arm in a semi-circle to show where the "big dogs" had sat watching her. Stooping to examine the fresh tracks in the soft mud around the pool the men were amazed. The tracks the "big dogs" had left were none other than lion tracks.

So in answer to the simple faith and trust of little May, the same God that Daniel trusted again closed the mouths of the big lions, causing them to guard instead of harm her that night.

"The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Pet. 5:8. In ourselves we have no more strength to resist him than little helpless May on the rock. But God speaks to our hearts and says, "I have laid help upon One that is mighty." Psalms 89:19. He is mighty to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.

Singing Hymns Helps Me



JOE WAS a young Sunday school boy. One day he was hit by a car. They carried him to the hospital and in the emergency room the doctor was examining him to see if he was seriously hurt.

Suddenly little Joe exclaimed, "I wish I could sing! I think I would feel better then!"

"All right, sonny," said the doctor. "You can sing if you sing something nice."

In a clear high-pitched voice Joe began to sing, "Nearer, my God, to Thee." The song rang out. The doctors, the nurses, and the patients down the hall all heard the words. Some of them got a blessing, for Joe was singing from his heart.

When the doctor had finished his examination, he said, "Well, little man, you seem to be all right. I can't find any broken bones."

"It was singing the hymn that helped" said Joe. "I always sing when I feel bad, and then God helps me!"

Bible Talks



Deuteronomy 33:13-17

IN BENJAMIN'S blessing we see Israel, "beloved of the Lord," in the place of safety, favor and privilege. God in His grace will bring His redeemed people near to Himself, and this is true of both His earthly and heavenly saints.

Jerusalem was within Benjamin's borders and there that magnificent temple was erected to Jehovah's praise. There the tribes went up to worship, and from there in the coming day blessing will flow out to all the land, and to all the earth as well. When the land is divided in the millennium, Benjamin's portion will be immediately next to Jerusalem, the city of the great King. To have Him as their Center and to be gathered around Him will be Israel's special glory in those days to come.

And the Lord is going to have His own, the Church, His bride, with and around Himself in the heavenly glory, in the midst of blessings that will far outshine Israel's privileges and glories. How precious to be gathered around Himself now.

"Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, and for the precious things brought forth by the sun, for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills . . . let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

"His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

The sun's radiance tells of God's grace shining down upon His people. But it is Christ portrayed here who will bring down all these wondrous blessings. The Gentile intruders will all have been driven from the land to make way for the ten thousands of Ephraim and the thousands of Manasseh. Truly Israel in that day of glory will be as the sand of the sea and as the stars for multitude.

But all these blessings, so richly lavished, will be upon the head of Christ, the true Nazarite, who was "separated from His brethren." All blessings are His whether of the heights above or the depths beneath, and He shares them with His redeemed. In Joseph we see sufferings and glory put together and how much more so in Him of whom Joseph was but a faint shadow. The suffering and rejected One is crowned with the highest glory and honor.

Surely these things were written for our learning, dear Christian reader. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." 2 Tim. 2:12.

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Black Sugar Finds Refuge

ONE DAY a missionary upon a jungle trail was surprised to see a small black boy stumble through the brush and fall sobbing at his feet. Stopping to lift him, the missionary tried to find out what his trouble was, for the boy was trembling with great fear. When he grew quiet enough to speak he cried,

"Don't let him get me!"

"Who do you mean, my boy?"

"The slave trader!" he sobbed.

"He stole me from my home. He wants to sell me — maybe even to a cannibal tribe! Oh, don't let him get me! He is coming!"

The missionary listened, and finally his ear caught the sounds of heavy running as someone followed the trail of the boy through

the jungle. In his heart the missionary wondered just what he could do, but he lifted his heart to God, and then putting his arm about the trembling figure he said, "No! I will not let him get you!"

The jungle brush parted again, and revealed a tall, powerful native with an ugly club in his hand.

"Give me that boy!" he shouted.

The missionary tightened his arm about the boy as he answered: "No! he does not belong to you. You cannot have him!"

In anger the slave trader raised his club, but the missionary stood calmly with no sign of fear. Slowly his arm dropped to his side and turning he disappeared into the jungle.

Together the boy and the missionary made their way to the missionary station. In the days that followed the little boy was so sweet in his love for his new friend that it seemed he just could not do enough for him! Nothing pleased him more than to be able to run an errand or do some little task for the missionary, so the name of "Black Sugar" was given to him.

One day the kind missionary said, "Black Sugar, do you remember when the slave trader was after you?"

"Oh, yes!" cried the little fellow, trembling even at the memory.

"Did you know that someone even more dreadful than the slave trader is after you?"

"Who? Who?" cried the boy in fear.

Then the missionary told him of

Memory Verse "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1:16

Satan who, "as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." As he spoke the boy flung himself into his arms, crying, "But you will not let him get me! You will save me from him too!"

As the missionary explained that he could not, he pointed the little fellow to the Saviour who alone could save him. Tears streamed down the boy's dark face as he learned that this One had had to die to save him, and that He willingly died for him. In simple faith Black Sugar believed the wonderful story and received the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

John Was Justified



JOHN was a poor speller. Many a time he had to remain after school to write out his mistakes.

One day the inspector was present and his presence made John nervous. That day John had an unusually large number of mistakes, but at closing time imagine his surprise when the teacher said,

"The inspector says that any who have errors are to be forgiven ALL their mistakes."

John raced home and a few minutes later he came bounding in the door, breathless.

"Mother," he exclaimed, "I had fifteen mistakes, but it's just as if I'd none."

"Why," said Mother, "that's just what God does for those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus died for my

sins, and now it's just as if I'd none. I am justified."

God is "just and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. 3:26.

"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Rom. 3:24.

"A man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Rom. 3:28.

"Being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Rom. 5:9.

Whiter Than Snow



IT WAS wintertime and the whole countryside was covered with a beautiful white blanket of snow.

Rose was on her way to the neighboring farm to get some milk for Mother. With a small can in her hand she was taking a short cut across the field. About halfway she stopped and took three looks.

She looked around. All was pure and white. The hedges, the trees, the ground, even the houses were all covered with the beautiful snow. "How pure everything is!" she thought.

Then she looked within. She thought of her sins. How many bad words she had spoken! How many lies she had told! How many naughty things she had done! She knew her heart was black with sin, and how different to the snow around her! Her heart drooped with sadness at the thought of it.

Then she looked up, and she thought about Jesus, the Saviour of sinners who never turned any one away.

"Lord Jesus," the little girl cried, "wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow!"

Did Jesus hear her cry? He surely did, and He answered at once. There in the middle of the field "the great transaction" took place, for little Rose opened her heart to Jesus and felt, as she did so, that His precious blood had cleansed her from *all* sin and that she was now whiter than snow in His sight.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS

If you are between the ages of five and nine years, there is a hidden message for you in this diagram. Starting at the left of the top row and working toward the right, find all the times your age is shown and put down the letters in each case in order on the line shown. This will be *your* message from the Bible.

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The voice of Jesus calls you,
"Be in time!"

Singing In Heaven



MR. HAYE, the evangelist, was talking to George about heaven.

"Oh yes," said George; "I want to go to heaven, and I think I will. I've always been kind to my wife and children, and I've never tried to harm anybody."

"It is nice that you have been a kind man," said Mr. Haye, "but what kind of a place do you think heaven is? What do you think we will do there?"

"Oh I think it is a happy place," replied George, "and we will sing a good deal there."

"Yes, they do sing there!" said Mr. Haye. "I want to read you one of the songs they sing!"

Then opening his Bible he read: "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." (Rev. 1:5.)

"Could you join in that song of praise?" he asked George. "Have you been washed from your sins in His own blood?"

George was silent for a moment. The arrow of conviction had entered his conscience. "No, I couldn't sing that song!" he said at last. "Oh won't you pray for me? I want to be washed from my sins in His blood."

That night the Lord saved George, He bowed at the feet of the blessed Saviour of sinners and felt the load of his sins taken away forever. Now he goes about singing redemption's song, the song that he will sing with all the redeemed in heaven.

On earth the song begins,
In heaven more sweet and loud.

Bible Talks



Deuteronomy 33:18

JACOB on his dying bed spoke of Zebulon as mingled with the nations and trafficking among them. Such Israel have been ever since their scattering. In Issachar he saw Israel in submission to the Gentiles, "couching between two burdens." For the sake of ease and gain he "bowed his shoulder to bear" and became a servant to tribute.

But here in Moses' blessing we see Zebulon and Issachar freed from the yoke of the Gentile, and rejoicing in liberty and plenty.

"Rejoice, Zebulon, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people(s) unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand."

Freed from their Gentile masters, in that day they shall be the messengers to the nations with the invitation to come up and do homage to the great King.

"And many peoples shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob . . . For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isa. 2:2,3.

Israel shall be enriched by the abundance of the wealth of the nations which shall flow unto Jerusalem in that day.

Of Gad Jacob said, "A troop shall overcome him: but he shall over-

come at the last." Moses says, "Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion." Israel shall be delivered from all their distresses, they shall execute the justice of the Lord and His judgments with Israel; thus they "shall overcome at last."

Dan would no longer be "an adder in the path," as Jacob predicted, but a "lion's whelp: He shall leap from Bashan." Israel will no longer be characterized by selfwill and rebellion, but bear the image of the King of righteousness in strength and majesty.

Naphtali is Israel in that millennial day "satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the Lord."

Last of all Asher is "blessed with children" and "acceptable to his brethren." What a lovely picture we have here of peace and contentment! Such will Israel and all earth be under Messiah's beneficent reign.

"Let him dip his foot in oil." The oil as ever is a type of the Holy Spirit. May we like Asher know what it is to "dip our foot in oil" to walk in the power of the Spirit so that we might enjoy in fuller measure the spiritual blessings so richly bestowed upon us.

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass." The iron speaks of strength, the brass God's righteousness in judging sin, and these two things go together. To walk in self-judgment and communion with the Lord is to enjoy His strength along our pathway.

Then how comforting and encouraging to God's people in all ages is the last promise to Asher: "and as thy days so shall thy strength be."

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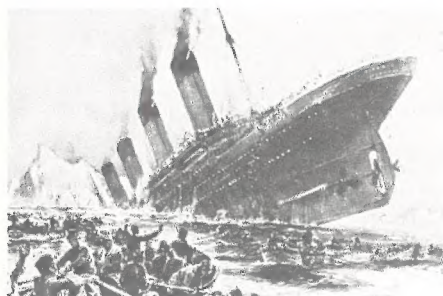
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A Survivor From The Titanic



One Sunday night in April, 1912, the great liner, Titanic, on her maiden voyage, struck an iceberg in the Atlantic. In a few hours she sank to the bottom of the ocean, and over 1500 passengers went down to a watery grave that fateful night.

Among the passengers on board the Titanic was Colonel Gracie. His wife at home could not sleep that night. Her mind was filled with fear for her husband. She felt that he was in grave danger, and she began to pray earnestly for him. The hours went by, and she kept praying in agony. At last, about 5 o'clock in the morning, a feeling of peace came into her heart, and she dropped off to sleep.

Meanwhile, during the night Colonel Gracie was helping to launch the lifeboats from the sinking ship. He had given up all hope of being saved himself. There were not enough lifeboats to take care of all the passengers.

Then suddenly the Titanic went down; the ocean closed over her. Colonel Gracie was sucked down in the great whirlpool of swirling waters.

He began to swim under the water. Then he came to the surface. He found himself near an overturned lifeboat. He and several others climbed on top of that upside-down boat. For several hours they clung there until about 5 o'clock in the morning another lifeboat came near and rescued them.

God had miraculously saved Colonel Gracie. When all seemed hopeless, He came to the rescue in answer to the prayer of a believing wife who prayed earnestly for her loved husband.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

"BEHOLD, THE LORD'S HAND IS NOT SHORTENED, THAT IT CANNOT SAVE; NEITHER HIS EAR HEAVY, THAT IT CANNOT HEAR." Isa. 59:1.



Tom was a good boy sometimes, but he could be naughty, too. One day his neighbor drove off in his car and left his garage door open. Tom and a couple of other boys entered the

garage and stole some of Mr. Woods' apples.

That Sunday night, as Tom sat and listened to the gospel, he heard the speaker say, "We are all sinners, but the Lord Jesus loves us. He died on the cross to put our sins away so that we might be forgiven."

His sin in taking the neighbor's apples had been bothering Tom, so after the gospel meeting, Tom went to the speaker and unburdened his heart. He told him he was sorry for what he had done and he wished he could know that all his sins were forgiven. Together they got down on their knees and prayed. Tom told the Lord he wanted to be saved, and he meant it. The Lord heard Tom's prayer, and that night Tom found forgiveness and peace. Soon after he was baptised.

"Now, Tom," said his Christian friend, "you must be careful to live a Christian life, but the Lord Jesus will help you. He will help you to say 'No' when you are tempted to do wrong."

One day one of his friends said to him, "Tom, Mr. Woods has just gone off again and left his garage door open. Let's go in and get a few apples."

"No," said Tom, "I'm not going to steal any more of his apples. The Lord Jesus is my Saviour now, and I want to live to please Him."

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him." Isa. 55:7.

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHOSE INIQUITIES ARE FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED." Romans 4:7

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Buddy, The Hero



Buddy, a pure-bred collie from Budd Lake, New Jersey, was named "Dog Hero of The Year." Buddy was credited with saving an entire herd of female goats in a raging fire that destroyed a fine dairy farm.

It was one day in January, in the early morning hours, that Buddy frantically barked the alarm of fire. Then rushing into the blazing "maternity barn" Buddy proceeded to lead 70 mother goats out to safety. The brave doggie's feet were burned and he suffered injury to his nose from the smoke, but he got the goats out unharmed. How thankful were his owners and how proud of their brave pet.

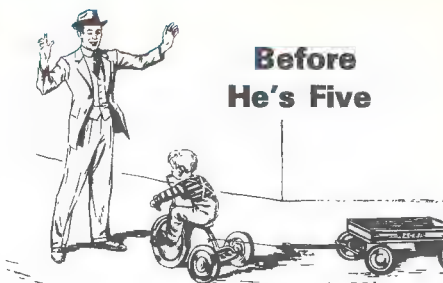
Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Crinkley, Buddy was taken on a trip to the Palmer House in Chicago to attend a banquet given in his honor. He was awarded a \$1000 U.S. bond, a gold medal, a gold plaque, a gold-plated leash and collar, a custom-made dog blanket, and a year's supply of dog food. We suppose that Buddy scarcely knew what it was all about, and cared less. A good juicy bone would probably have pleased him just as well. He thought no more of what he had done in saving the goats; it was all in the day's work.

This story of Buddy and the fire made me think of another sacrifice and of another fire. The fire was the wrath of God against my sins. I deserved that judgment but Jesus, God's dear Son, bore it for me on Calvary, and He set me free. Buddy

was scorched, yet he lives to be honored of men; but Jesus died — *for me*.

"He died for all;
He died for me.
And when He died
He set me free."

Yes, He died for you too, dear reader! How few honor Him here on earth, and yet God honors Him in heaven. He has "given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9, 10, 11. Have you bowed the knee to Him yet? Have you confessed Him as your Lord and Saviour?



**Before
He's Five**

Before a child has reached age seven,
Teach to him the way to heaven;
Better still, the work will thrive
If he learns before he's five.

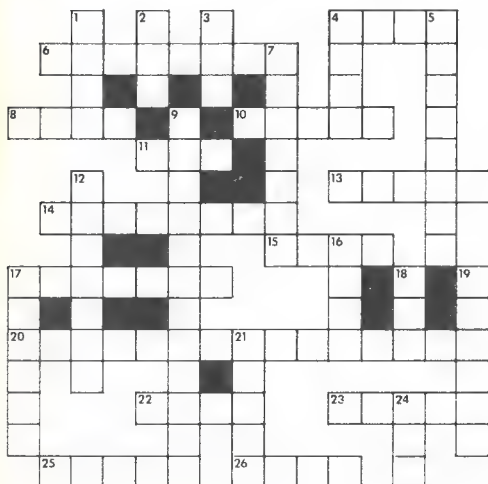
—Spurgeon

**"I LOVE THEM THAT LOVE ME; AND
THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL
FIND ME." Proverbs 8:17**

Crossword

ACROSS:

4. Everything God had made was ———.
6. God breathed into man's ——— the breath of life.
8. Adam was to ——— the ground.
10. The serpent must ——— on his belly.
11. Eve said, "I did ——— of the fruit."
13. God ——— them out of the garden.
14. Eve would suffer pain bearing ———.
15. The ——— of life was in the midst of the garden.
17. A seven letter word meaning men.
20. Another tree in the garden (3 words).
22. God called their name ———.
23. Fallen man would ——— in order to eat bread.
25. Eve was the first ———.
26. God formed man out of the ———.



DOWN:

1. Man became a living ———.
2. Eve ——— of the forbidden fruit.
3. God took a ——— from Adam and made Eve.
4. God made every tree to ——— in Eden.
5. Adam was not ——— (1 Tim. 2).
7. The ——— beguiled Eve.
9. God placed man ———.
12. There was ——— and lightning on Sinai (Ex. 19).
16. Through sin man gained the knowledge of good and ———.
17. Adam called Eve the ——— of all living.
18. ——— said, "What hast thou done?"
19. God breathed into man the ——— of life.
21. Adam ——— all the animals.
24. Adam called his wife ———.

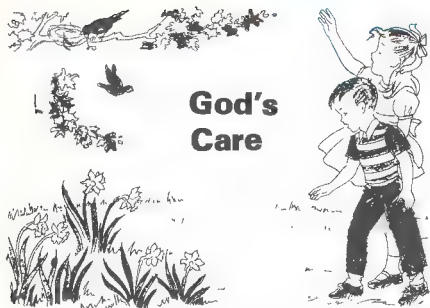
THE SHEPHERD BOY'S SONG

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it, or much:
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fulness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

— John Bunyan



God's Care

How can our Father ever forget
His children here below?
Does He not feed the ravens all,
And make the lilies grow?

No sparrow to the earth can fall
Without the Father's care;
The frailest thing that He has made
Does in His goodness share.

Then shall we doubt His thoughtful
love?

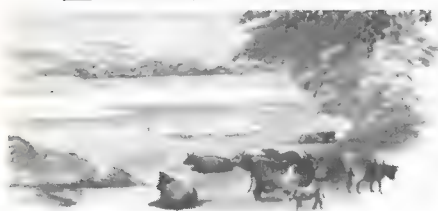
Should we not trust Him more
Than weaker creatures of His hand,
Who feeds them from His store?

So brood not o'er, with anxious mind,
Tomorrow and its need;

In Jesus Christ our Father gives
A full supply indeed.

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Bible Talks



Deuteronomy 33:26-29

In the most beautiful and exalted language the closing words of Moses' blessing celebrate God's excellency and power and the triumph of His goodness to Israel in the last days. If on the one hand in His governmental ways He had dealt with them according to their conduct, on the other hand He would rise to the heights of His grace and glory to bless and keep them.

"There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven

in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." How blest are they who are the objects of such a salvation!

How precious and assuring to us in times of sickness, sorrow or trial, in danger, or even when humbled through some failure, to know and feel that underneath are those "everlasting arms" of love that will never let us go!

"He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them." Before such a display of power Israel's foes will be helpless and utterly defeated. Then under God's beneficent smile Israel "shall dwell safely alone."

In that millennial day of peace and prosperity, when Israel shall have turned to the Lord, the promised blessings will come upon them in their fullness. "The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also His heavens shall drop down dew" - telling of refreshment, joy and abundance for all.

Israel's father had been named Jacob (or "supplanter") at his birth, but there came a time in his life when God called him Israel, meaning "a prince with God." So in those happy days to come the "Jacob" nature will have disappeared, and God's people will manifest the grace and dignity of their "Israel" calling. In those days "a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice on the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely." Jer. 23:5, 6.

In contemplation of such a wondrous prospect, in a spirit entirely emptied of self, though he himself was not permitted to be with them in it, Moses rejoices in the triumph of God's goodness to Israel, and at the brightness of their glory and blessing at the end. How beautiful are his last words to his people:

"Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord. . .!"

Messages of the Love of God



Sundar Singh

Sundar Singh was the youngest son of a wealthy family in India. When he was 15, he found Christ as his Saviour and became a Christian. His whole family turned against him.

One evening they put poison in his food and turned him out to die alone. Half dead, he made his way to the mission station. The missionaries cared for him and he slowly recovered. When he was well again, he attended the mission school.

Sundar's Christian friends wanted him to stay at the mission and preach. But Sundar felt that God wanted him to go and preach the gospel to the needy people of the villages of India; and he obeyed God. He went from village to village telling the gospel story to all who would listen. The people in the villages learned to love him, and they watched for his coming.

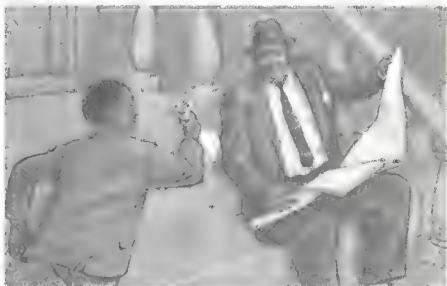
One day Sundar felt God's call to go over the Himalaya mountains to Tibet, and tell the people there the story of Jesus and His love. These are the highest mountains in the world, and only the hardest people tried to climb them; but Sundar went.

When he got to Tibet, the people gladly heard the gospel, but the Lamas, the priests there, were very angry at Sundar and his message. They threw him into a well, put a cover over its mouth and left him there to die. But God was watching over him, however. A man came along and let down a rope to Sundar and he was saved.

For many years Sundar continued to preach the gospel, and souls were brought to the Saviour.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3.

Sin's Load Gone



Sam Black was carrying a large bag of potatoes on his shoulders. On the way a friend stopped him and said, "Sam, I hear you have become a Christian. How do you know that Jesus has saved you?"

Sam took a few steps and then he let the bag of potatoes slip from his back. "How do I know I have dropped this bag of potatoes?" he asked. "I haven't looked around."

"No, but you don't feel their heavy weight on your back now," replied his friend.

"That's one reason I know I am saved," explained Sam. "I don't have the heavy burden of my sins on me any more. The Lord Jesus has taken them all away and has given me peace and joy instead.!"

"No more conscience of sins . . . their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Heb. 10:2, 17.

A Hid Treasure



Old Joel was a Christian and he used to hide his money between the pages of his Bible. He thought the money would be safe there.

One night some robbers broke into his house. They hunted all over for his money. They emptied his drawers, they ransacked his cupboards, they lifted up his carpets, they looked behind the pictures. But they didn't find any money. They never thought of looking in the old Bible which was on the living room table all the time.

The Bible is full of precious treasures. It contains the wonderful story about Jesus the Saviour of sinners. It tells us about God the Father who sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. It tells about the heavenly home which He has prepared for His children. It tells, too, of Hell, the dreadful place to which all who reject the Lord Jesus will surely go.

Read the Scriptures daily, dear reader, for they are able to make you wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15), and they will lead you "in the way everlasting."

"How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Psal. 119:103.

A Baseball Fan Saved



Tom and I were young fellows together, and baseball was our favorite game. Tom's parents were real "born again" Christians, and I too had known the Lord Jesus as my Saviour for some time, and had been brought up in a Christian home.

One day coming out of the house I saw Tom coming up the road. "Where are you going?" I called out.

"Up to see the ball game," he replied.

"Well, I'm going by that way myself," I said, and so we went along together.

Outside the ball park entrance, I said to him, "Tom, has it ever occurred to you that your folks would be so glad to see you come to the Lord and seek to please Him. Do you know that the Saviour loves you, and did you ever think how He bore your sins in His own body on the tree?" Then I also gave him John 3:16 as a text: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We closed our eyes, bowed our heads and had a little prayer together, right there outside the ball park. It was then that dear Tom decided for Christ, and the light of the gospel shone into his young heart. He too had found the Saviour, and such a look of happiness spread over his face as the joy of his salvation filled his soul. That was the beginning of days for Tom. Now he was truly saved and on his way to heaven.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

The Old Rag Pillow



People of Tibet

When Adoniram Judson went to Burma with the gospel, he began a translation of the Scriptures into the Burmese language.

But the time came when Judson was put in prison. It was an evil-smelling place; still he wanted to have the pages of his Burmese Bible with him hoping he might finish his translation some day.

His wife, Anne, had a hard time getting things to him in the prison. On one occasion she put a message in a cake she had baked for him. Another time she wrote a note on a scrap of

paper put in the spout of an old coffee pot which she sent to him by her faithful servant, Mounng-Ing.

But how to get the loose sheets to him was a problem. However, Anne made an old pillow of rags, and stuffing the leaves of the translation inside, she sent it to the prison by Mounng-Ing. The jailor let Judson keep his old rag pillow. He did not know the pages of God's precious Word were hidden inside.

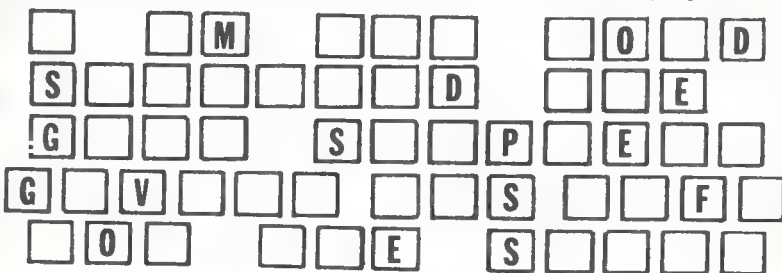
After two years in that vile place, Judson was set free. The jailor took all his possessions for himself, except the rag pillow which he threw out on the scrap heap. Mounng-Ing rescued the old rag pillow and Judson got back his most prized possession.

The time came when Judson finished his translation and it was printed. Burma had its first Bible in Burmese. In the years that followed many Burmese were brought to Christ through hearing and reading the Scriptures in their own tongue.

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22.

"Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven." 1 Thess. 1:9, 10.

Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text.



JOHN 10

If I come to Jesus,
Happy I shall be;
He is gently calling
Little ones like me.

Call unto Me, and I
will answer
Jer. 33, 3

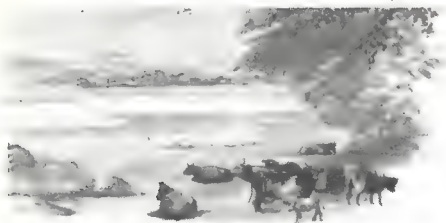


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Bible Talks



The Death Of Moses
Deuteronomy 34

We now come to the close of the life of this honored servant of God, whose steps we have traced all the way from Egypt, through the wilderness to the borders of Canaan.

"And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho." He went up alone, it seems, an old man, but surely not sad or sorrowful, judging from his last happy utterances to his people. On the contrary Moses had such joy in God that he did not think of himself at all. From the beginning, when he endured the trials and sufferings in Egypt, he had a bright and blessed faith in God, because he saw Him who is invisible (Heb. 11:23-29).

By faith Moses saw God who rewarded him richly, for he enjoyed more of God's company than any other Old Testament saint, and the Lord spoke to him as one would speak to his friend. Even at his death the Lord waited on him, for He met him upon Mount Pisgah and granted him a marvelous view of the whole of that fair and glorious land which his people should eventually possess.

"And the Lord showed him all the land, . . . unto the utmost sea." Moses saw with his eyes all that good land, and though he could not enter in himself, nevertheless he could rejoice, for by faith he saw the people of the Lord dwelling there according to His word, and this was a supreme satisfaction to this dear servant.

So Moses died there, and the Lord Himself buried him in a valley in the land of Moab. But no one knows of

his sepulcher to this day, for men would be quick to make a shrine there and worship the servant rather than God; this God would not allow. Satan tried to get hold of his body to use for his own evil purposes, but Michael the archangel was sent to defeat his intentions.

God loved Moses, and Moses knew it. This is what makes the story of his life so lovely. He lived in this world for 120 years, and from the moment he was born, God had watched over him. He took care of him when as a helpless little babe his believing mother had put him in the ark of bulrushes on the river, then all the time he was in Pharaoh's court, and when he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the sinful pleasures and riches of Egypt for a season. He was with him during those 40 years in the backside of the desert; then in Egypt again and lastly throughout those long 40 years of wilderness wanderings.

Moses was denied Canaan, but God had something better for him. He spared him the grief of seeing his people turn away from the Lord in their unfaithfulness. Then in the gospels we see him in company with the Son of God on the mountain top of glory.

And Moses will be in His company again, when He comes in His glory and power. Moses will see then how God fulfills all He has spoken about His people.

Israel wept for Moses - after he died. How much better for them - and for him - had they listened more to his words while he was living! But such is the human heart. May we all heed the exhortation: "Remember your leaders who have spoken to you the word of God; and considering the issue of their conversation [manner of life], imitate their faith." Heb. 13:7. J.N.D. Trans.

"And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face."

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Frederick's Resolve



When David Livingstone, the African missionary and explorer, was on his last trip to England, he spoke to many school children. He told them stories of the cruel slave trade in Africa and of the great need among the poor people there.

In his audience sat a little fellow named Frederick Stanley Arnot and his mother. Frederick was only six years old, but he listened eagerly to Livingstone and the missionary became his hero. Then and there he decided that when he grew up, he wanted to go to Africa and help his friend. All through his boyhood the idea of going to Africa was uppermost in his mind.

But Frederick had to learn that before the Lord could use him he must be saved. The Lord drew him to Himself, however, and when ten years old, Frederick was converted. It came about this way.

One day he and his friend, Jimmie, went to a neighbor's orchard and helped themselves to some plums. Jimmie's older brother saw them from the window and shouted, "Thief! Thief!"

These words so troubled Frederick that the next day, when he had to pass the town prison, he was terrified as he thought he might be taken to prison as a thief. When he saw a policeman bringing a boy to prison who had stolen a pair of boots, Frederick rushed home and hid until bedtime.

When everyone else in the house had gone to bed, Frederick got up saying to himself, "I must tell God about my sin. I must ask Him to forgive me." While on his knees, he began to cry, feeling he was too bad for God to forgive him. Then he thought about Jesus dying on the cross for his sins. "Jesus had to die for me because I am wicked," thought Frederick; and there came into his mind the verse his parents had taught him when he was a tiny boy:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

At that moment Frederick suddenly knew that he believed on Jesus as his Saviour. He also knew that his sins were forgiven. He went to sleep and the next morning he awoke with a happy heart. The burden of his sin was gone.

Frederick's desire to take the gospel to the Africans now grew. He felt he had a wonderful message to tell the people of God's salvation and of God's forgiveness of sins. When 15, he began to fit himself for his work as a missionary. He learned to be a blacksmith, to repair watches, and how to find his way with a compass. He also preached the gospel with his father in the open air.

When 23 years old, he sailed for Africa. For the next 32 years he spent his life for the Lord and in helping others. When 55, the Lord took him home to heaven. His life was not long, but it was filled in service for his Saviour whom he had learned to love when just a boy.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1:15.

"And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

Tsuchida



Tsuchida lived in Japan. In the village where he lived, at one time he was a man of influence and was honored by his people.

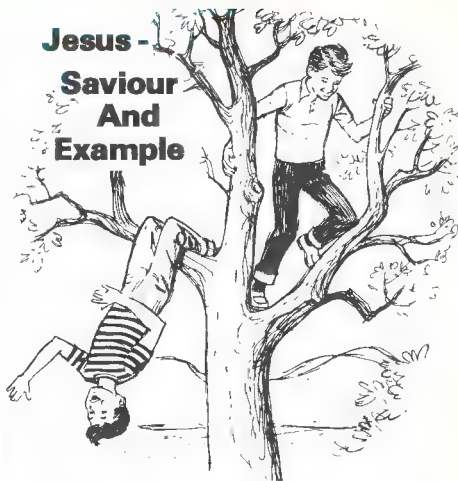
However, when Tsuchida became a Christian, the people turned against him. They persecuted him and treated him with scorn and contempt. On fences and telephone poles throughout the countryside they placed placards which read: "TSUCHIDA, THE CHRISTIAN TRAITOR!"

A missionary asked Tsuchida how he felt about those placards. With tears in his eyes Tsuchida replied, "When I see my name together with that of Christ I feel most unworthy!"

He was a humble Christian who loved his Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he counted it an honor to suffer for Him.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you. . . If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye: for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." 1 Pet. 4:12, 14.

Jesus - Saviour And Example



Harry was a clean-living boy and pretty much at peace with himself and the world. He liked to think of Jesus as our Example, but he did not think he needed Him as his Saviour.

One night he went to a gospel meeting and the speaker gave a faithful message. After the service Harry said to him, "I don't agree with your preaching. You preach too much about Jesus on the cross. I think you should preach more about Him as a good example to follow."

"Harry," said the preacher, "you like to think of Jesus as a good example. Do you follow Him?"

"Yes, I follow Him," said Harry.

"Well," the preacher went on, "the Bible says, 'He . . . did no sin.' Do you follow Him in that?"

Harry thought seriously and then he confessed, "No, I don't believe I can altogether. At times I do sin."

Then the preacher said to him, "Harry, I think you need Jesus as your Saviour. Then you can follow Him as your Example."

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.



Rachel



Rachel was a little Jewish orphan. She lived with a lot of other little girls in an orphanage. She longed for a father and mother who would love her. Every night she prayed, asking God to send her loving parents. Then one day God answered her prayers.

A kind Christian man and his wife came to the orphanage and took little Rachel to their home. She was so overjoyed and excited that she ran about the house exclaiming, "I have a daddy; and I have a mamma!"

Rachel always loved her home and her kind parents. She tried to please them in every way. She grew up to be a happy Christian and had a home of her own.

If we take the Lord Jesus into our hearts and bring Him into our homes, we shall have happy homes, too.

ACROSTIC

The **prophet** who stood in the lion's den,
He feared his God, but he feared not men.
(Dan. 6)

The **man** who went with his brother meek
To Pharaoh, Egypt's king, to speak.
(Exo. 5)

The **Queen** who refused to show her face;
Esther was sent to take her place.
(Esther 1)

The **son** of her who was sent away
By Abraham from his tent one day.
(Gen. 16)

The great **god** of the Philistine folk
Which fell before the Ark and broke.
(1 Sam. 5)

The letters first of every name you'll find
Form the name of the king after God's own
mind.

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Prairie Dogs



Prairie dogs are little animals that live out on the desert and western prairies. They have little tails and short ears and can move quickly.

They build little mounds in which they have their homes, and often you will see many mounds together in one area, for prairie dogs like to live close to one another.

We as Christians, who love the Lord Jesus, should be like them in this respect, for we need one another's fellowship. Scripture tells us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is." (Heb. 10:25.)

Prairie dogs will dig a hole five feet deep in the sand and make a large underground living room where they live and keep their babies.

They like to sit on top of their mounds, for up there they can see all that's going on. If danger approaches - perhaps a coyote, or a hawk - they make a sharp little cry and then they all dive for safety.

We, too, should be on the lookout for danger. It might be in the form of temptation to do wrong, for Satan is very busy. Our natural hearts love the things of this world, so it is easy to fall into sin. The Lord Jesus is the only safe refuge. If we trust Him as our Saviour, He will keep us safe. May we learn to flee to Him when danger, trial or temptation appear.

David said: "In God is my salvation and my glory: the Rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times." Psa. 62:7, 8.

New Testament Men



With the Lord's gracious help we have completed our Talks on the book of Deuteronomy. Before going on with Joshua we thought to run a series of short biographies of New Testament men, reprinted from the past. This will take 12 weeks to complete, after which, the Lord willing, we will return to the Old Testament and begin our meditations on Joshua. We trust this will meet with our readers' approval.

Matthew

Matthew was one of the twelve apostles. His Gospel was probably the first written, though the *order* of the books of the Bible does not always correspond with their *date*. Matthew's is not the longest gospel, in spite of its containing the most chapters.

Matthew's own account of his call is contained in one verse (9:9), and he alone styles himself "Matthew the publican," in the lists of the apostles. Considering how the publicans were hated by the Jews, it would have been natural had he omitted this, but if Jesus was not ashamed to call him to follow Him, Matthew is not ashamed of the truth about his previous life, and afterward never mentions himself, nor does he even add that he made Jesus a "great feast" — he sought not honor from men. This is a good lesson for us. The more we know of Jesus, the less we shall find to say of ourselves. Mark and Luke call him Levi, son of Alphaeus.

Judea was a Roman province, and taxed like one. A publican was a

person who farmed the taxes — i.e., he paid a certain fixed sum to the government, and what he collected was then his own. These men often employed others to collect, who in turn extorted what they could over and above for themselves. They were generally Jews, lightly esteemed by their brethren, and classed with "sinners" — with such the Lord sat at meat in Matthew's house.

Every gospel has its own character, and each writer presents the Lord to us in a different aspect. Matthew sets Him forth as Son of Abraham and David, and in connection with His people Israel. His genealogy through Joseph is given, for by *law* He was accounted his son. He is the King who comes to reign, but withal Emmanuel the Saviour, the Jehovah-Jesus who should forgive His people's sins and heal their diseases. (Isa. 53:4, Psalms 103:3.) He came to fulfill this to Israel.

He touched the leper, He healed the sick, He raised the dead, He cast out devils, He calmed the sea, He forgave sins, He gave sight to the blind; the dumb spake, and to the poor the gospel was preached (chaps. 8, 9). He did all that would prove Him to be the expected Messiah. He was more than a prophet, greater than John, greater than Jonas or Solomon (chaps. 11, 12). Yet they refused Him (11:19, 12:10, 14, 24, 34-45). Rejected by those to whom He came, He goes outside to "whosoever" will (12:50, 13:1, 2), and teaches by parables.

The kingdom of heaven is one of Matthew's great subjects; the King who was refused on earth would rule from heaven, and all that goes on in His name down here during His absence is within the kingdom of the heavens.

The Lord's last journey to Jerusalem begins at chapter 20:29, and ends in the cross where He gave His life a ransom for many. The ascension is not mentioned by Matthew. Let these few words about this beautiful Gospel encourage us to read it afresh for ourselves.

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"We Pass By"

Poor Tom was a slave to drink, but during a gospel mission he was soundly converted to God. After that he became a sober respectable man.

Tom was missed down at the tavern, and one day the owner stopped him as he passed by and said, "Tom, what's gone wrong with you? Why do you pass by instead of coming in?"

Tom stopped for a moment. Then with tears in his eyes and glancing heavenward he replied:

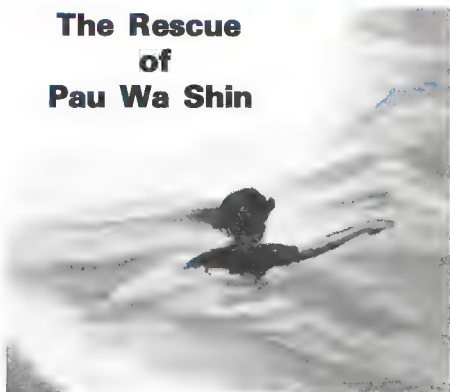
"It's not me who passes by. It's us - Jesus and me - who pass by without stopping."

"Sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. 6:14.

"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22.

The Rescue of Pau Wa Shin



Pau Wa Shin lived in Hong Kong. A terrible storm, called a typhoon, swept over the island wrecking houses and ships and killing a great many people.

Pau was walking along the waterfront when all of a sudden a great whirling gust of wind caught him up and swept him into the sea. No one else nearby could swim, so it seemed as if poor Shin would drown.

However, an Englishman named Mr. Bevan, without stopping to think, dived into the surging waves and catching hold of poor Pau managed to bring him to the steps of the pier. Pau was little the worse for his adventure, but his rescuer was badly hurt by the rocks and the waves.

Pau was profoundly grateful to his great deliverer and made him a present of a beautiful silver cup. He also wrote him a letter. "Gentleman," he said, "I owe my life to you. You are my savior. You saved my life at the risk of yours. I do not know how to express my gratitude. Myself and family are forever obliged to you for your great kindness and heroism.

"Please graciously accept this silver cup in token of my everlasting gratitude to you. - Yours ever gratefully, Pau Wa Shin."

Pau was in danger of perishing, and, you, dear reader, if unsaved, are in danger of being eternally lost. Now the Lord Jesus came into the world to save that which was lost. He is the only Saviour, so that your only hope of salvation is through His work upon the cross where He died for sinners. Will you trust Him?

You can express your gratitude to Him for His love, even unto death, not by *giving* Him a cup, as Pau did to Mr. Bevan, but by *accepting* a cup.

In Psalm 116 David asked: "What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me?" Then he answers this question: "*I will take the cup of salvation.*" This is the only way a sinner can thank the Lord Jesus for saving him. Then he can let others know what a Saviour Jesus is.

Do not be ashamed to confess His name.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9, 10.

I Thank Thee, Lord



For life and health and strength,
I thank Thee, Lord, so kind;
I cannot count Thy blessings all,
So many gifts I find.

The little birds have nests,
Safe in the trees so tall,
And I a home; but for Thyself
I thank Thee most of all.



"Don't Talk To Me!"



In a Christian family there were three little sisters. One day a friend gave them a bag of candy which was shared equally between them.

Beth and Linda, the two older sisters, ate theirs rather sparingly, to make it last, and they kept some for the next day. They each hid what was left over under their clothes in their drawers.

Little Sally, the youngest of the three, who was little more than a baby, had not yet learned to save for the future. Her share was soon gone, and she began to cast longing glances at her sisters who were still enjoying theirs. Later in the day her craving for sweets got the best of her and yielding to temptation, while her sisters were playing outside, she began to rummage through their drawers. Her search was rewarding. The hidden candy was discovered, and soon she was enjoying to the full her coveted find.

Scripture says: "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." Prov. 9:17. It wasn't long before the last of her sisters' treasured store had disappeared down the little girl's tummy.

The next day, sure enough, Beth and Linda discovered their loss. They had little doubt as to who the thief was, and the two young prosecuting attorneys were not long in subjecting Sally to a severe cross-examination. However, no amount of probing or persuasion could force the young culprit to confess. Seated in her high chair she stoutly refused to answer their questions.

"Don't talk to me!" she exclaimed. "I won't talk!"

This was a giveaway and an indication of guilt. A little later, standing in a corner with her two interrogators before her, Sally confessed to the theft.

That was long ago. Sally has grown up, a happy Christian young lady, who loves to tell others about her Saviour.

Tiny though she was, Sally had a conscience - that faithful monitor in all of us that first warns, and then convicts when we do wrong. May we ever heed its voice. Sometimes it whispers low when we are first tempted. Then if we do not take heed, it speaks louder and warns us against doing wrong. Then if we fail, it does

not let us rest until we have confessed our sin.

Sin does not pay. Sin only brings unhappiness, sorrow, shame and misery. And if unconfessed, it will bring us into judgment. How much better to trust the Lord for salvation and ask Him to keep us from falling.

Thank God there is a remedy for sin, for He says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS

If you are between the ages of five and nine years, there is a hidden message for you in this diagram. Starting at the left of the top row and working toward the right, find all the times your age is shown and put down the letters in each case in order on the line shown. This will be *your* message from the Bible.

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Trust in the Lord,
and do good
Psalms 37, 3

ACROSTIC

1. What is **that** which all may enter, being straight, if they but seek? (Matt. 7)
2. On **whose** threshing floor did Joseph mourn his father for a week? (Gen. 50)
3. What **did** bears do to the children who mocked the prophet of the Lord?
(2 Kings 2)
4. Name the **garden** where the angel stood with fierce and flaming sword.
(Gen. 3)

Find a hidden message by blocking out the following letters - C, H, I, J, L, M, P, Z.

H I T R U S T
M I L A N D P
C J O B E Y Z

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- Who was a **man** condemned to die
For praying unto God? (Dan. 6)
- Who was the **priest** whose brother great
Possessed a wondrous rod? (Exo. 28)
- Whose **father** did anoint the first
King over Israel? (1 Chron. 6:28)
- Next, **father** of a man who gave
Samaritans a well. (John 4; Gen. 27)
- Last, name **one** who unto the poor
Did many gifts impart. (Acts 9)
- The whole is one of whom 'twas said,
"A man after God's own heart."

Find a hidden message by crossing off the following letters - B, G, K, N, Q, S, U, V.

S T E A C H G N M E
T O Q U D O G T H Y
N U W I L L U V K B

New Testament Men



Mark

Mark was not one of the twelve apostles. John, surnamed Mark (Acts 12:12, 25) — called also Marcus — was the son of Mary, sister to Joses Barnabas. Both he and Mary were of the tribe of Levi, but natives of Cyprus. She was now probably a widow, dwelling at Jerusalem, and opening her house for the disciples to meet in. This was Mark's home.

Peter calls Mark "my son" (1 Pet. 5:13), so he may have been the means of his conversion from Judaism to Christ. Mark may have been with him at Babylon just then.

Early Christian writers also tell us that Mark wrote his Gospel under Peter's superintendence, or call him Peter's *amanuensis* (letter writer). Be that as it may, Mark, who was not apparently one who had companied with the Lord, does record details which may have been recounted by Peter, always remembering, however, that Mark and other writers of the Bible wrote "as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and that God often inspired them to relate what they had not seen.

Of Mark's conversion or death, Scripture tells us nothing, nor does church history enlighten us thereon. His Gospel was written after most of the epistles, about A.D. 68 — possibly after the deaths of Peter and Paul. He comes upon the scene first, in Acts, at Jerusalem, which city he left in the company of Saul and Barnabas (12:25). He seems to have remained with them as their servant (13:5) and to have accompanied them to Cyprus, and thence to Perga, in Asia Minor

(13:13), where for some reason he left them and returned to Jerusalem. One false step may lead to sad consequences, as will be seen in Acts 15, for Mark lost the blessing of the company of Paul and the prayers of the brethren, and went instead with his uncle to their native island of Cyprus. It is, however, encouraging to learn that God restored the soul of His servant and again called John Mark into happy fellowship and service with Paul, who, when in prison at Rome, with Mark near to him, expressed his approval of his desire to visit Colosse (Col. 4:10, Philem. 24). And again when Paul was in prison a second time he wrote to Timothy to bring Mark with him (2 Tim. 4:11), alleging that he valued him for his service.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest, but the one which records many *details* in the life of the Lord, who is here presented to us as the Servant proclaiming the Word, and the Teacher instructing. His birth is not mentioned, but we may follow Him from the time He was 30 years old to His ascension, observing, as we do so, the rapidity which characterizes Mark in passing from one event to another, and yet the detail; "straightway," "immediately," strike us, and he tells us of a "pillow," and "green grass," etc. The events and testimony resemble those in another Gospel, but in Mark we have more Christ the Prophet, who is serving and who is rejected. At the end we have a complete, though brief, picture of the close of the Lord's life on earth. Let us read it and *learn of Him!*

Glory before thee,
Pilgrim, press on;
Share now the sorrow,
Share soon the crown.
Tell forth the Saviour's fame,
Honor His holy name,
Bear now His cross and shame,
Pilgrim, press on.

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Leonardo Da Vinci

Many of our readers will be familiar with the name of Leonardo da Vinci, the famous Italian artist, sculptor and carver. He lived in Milan, one of the old cities of Italian story. The people there still tell the tale of his life among their years ago.

In his time one corner of the quaint market place was occupied by dealers selling cages of beautiful birds caught in the forests of Italy, or freshly stolen from the nest. Day by day Leonardo would walk down the street to the market place and there he might be found buying from the dark-eyed peasant lads their frightened fluttering prisoners.

These ragged barefoot boys used to

watch for his coming, and nudge one another as the "crazy painter" came in sight, certain of a ready sale for their birds. No matter how many he bought one day, the next he was back for more.

"What can he want them for?" they asked, and perhaps you do, too.

Let us follow him as he makes his way through the thronged market place, his arms full of cages and more cages slung on his back. The chattering peasants smile and point after him as he passes out of sight. On he goes until he reaches the pleasant fields and hedgerows. Then, oh so tenderly, so gently, a smile of joy shining on his face, he opens every cage and *sets the birds free!*

The flower-scented summer air is filled with the happy song of birds as, wild with delight at their freedom, they soar upward into the blue sky. Leonardo da Vinci stands watching them with the greatest pleasure and an echo of their joy is in his own heart.

We cannot help admiring the great painter in his lowly work of love to God's creatures.

We may see in his act a picture of God's wonderful gospel. God is Himself the great Artist and Sculptor of the universe. He sees poor souls caught in the snares of Satan, and caged by sin, and He looks down upon them with the greatest love and compassion. The Lord Jesus Christ, His beloved Son, died to redeem these souls. To those who have trusted Him as Saviour, whom He has redeemed by His precious blood, He says now, "Ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20) - His own life laid down for them. And so God finds supreme delight in

setting prisoners free from sin, and death and judgment.

Dear reader, are you still bound with the chain of your sins? Do you long to be free? Jesus will set you free. Only He can open the door of your prison. Listen!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Believe that Jesus died to purchase you, and He will set you free from all guilt of sin and Satan's power. Then let your heart sing out His praises in the sunshine of His love, as the birds set free sang in the joy of their liberty.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
How He purchased my redemption
With His blood, and set me free.



Out Of The Horrible Pit

George liked to give his testimony, and tell how he got saved.

"I was in the horrible pit of sin," he would say, "and could not get out. One day the Saviour came to me. He didn't give me advice. He didn't tell me how bad I was. But He put His loving arms around me and lifted me up out of the pit of sin. He placed my feet on a solid rock.

"I found out that He had died for my sins on the cross and that the old account was settled long ago. I believed His Word and He saved me. Since then my grateful song has been:

My hope on nothing less is built
Than Jesus, and the blood He spilt;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on His blest name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

**"BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM
THE LORD WILL NOT IMPUTE SIN."**

Rom. 4:8

Chundra's Discovery



There are many thousands of little orphan boys and girls in India, and Chundra was one of them. She was a sad little girl, not merely because she had no father or mother to love and care for her, but because the burden of her sins weighed heavily on her little heart. She longed to know forgiveness.

Chundra made four long pilgrimages hoping to find forgiveness and peace. Along the way she suffered a great deal, but nothing seemed to help her. Each time she brought her burden back with her, and it was always heavier than before. There was no peace in her heart; all was dark and hopeless.

Long hours she sat under the burning rays of the hot sun and surrounded by fires. Then on wintry nights she would sit in icy water for hours counting beads. But still she found no peace of heart. The heavy burden of her sins was still there.

At last one day a missionary met Chundra and spoke to her of the Saviour. He told her that God loved her and that He freely forgives all who come and put their trust in Jesus, His dear Son, for salvation from their sins. He told her Jesus had died upon the cross and shed His precious blood to wash her sins away. Now she could have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, the only

way she could know forgiveness and peace was through believing in Jesus.

And Chundra listened to that wonderful message of the gospel, and she believed. She received Him by faith into her heart as her own Saviour.

Immediately she felt the burden of her sins was gone - and gone forever! She had a peace she had never known before. Her heart, so long filled with sorrow, was now filled with gladness, so that she went about singing little songs of praise to Him who had done all this for her.

O the power of the name of Jesus! "He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psa. 107:9.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Chundra had found a Friend in Jesus, "a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24. She had found, too, a loving Father who cared for her and watched over her night and day.

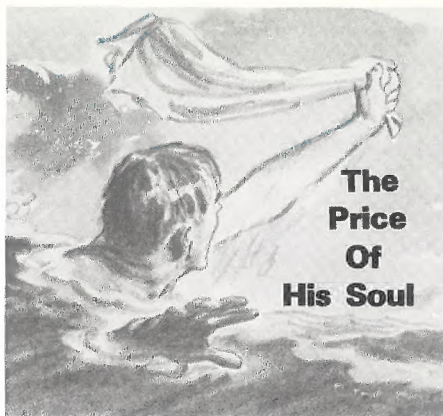
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.



A Hidden Message

Find a hidden message by blocking out the following letters - A, B, C, F, J, K, N, P, Q, U, V, W, Z.

T H E B L O R D J I S
Z P A B A N K W A J F
A F M Y C V F U J A N
K A P Q U L I G H T B



There was once a man who joined in the gold rush and went to California. After some time he decided to go back East again. As he and others were crossing the Mississippi, their boat struck a rock and sank not far from shore. Those who could swim swam to shore and were saved. Some, however, were drowned.

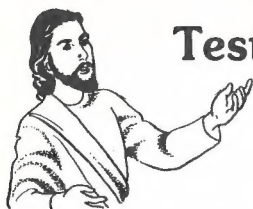
Among those drowned was the man we have been telling about. He was a good swimmer. They could not understand why he had drowned.

When his body was recovered, they discovered that around his waist he wore a belt. To the belt were fastened bags filled with gold nuggets. The weight of the gold had carried him down to a watery grave. Could he not have taken off the belt and saved his life? It seems he did not want to give up his gold, until it was too late.

How many thousands there are like that poor man. They are more attached to earthly riches than heavenly things. But, "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Find a hidden message by blocking out the following letters - B, C, J, K, M, P, P, R, U.

T H E M B U J R
B W A G E S C P
Q U O F P S I N
I S K D E A T H



New Testament Men

Luke

The "most excellent Theophilus," to whom Luke wrote two lengthy epistles, his Gospel, and the Acts, is totally unknown to us in any other way. It would be interesting if we unravel *his* history, or ask him to relate us further details about his friend. That Luke was a Gentile, we may gather from the fact that Paul's mention of those who "are of the circumcision" (Jews) excludes Luke, of whom he speaks directly after as "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:10, 11, 14). But for this verse, we should not have guessed he was a doctor.

Twice more Paul writes of him from his Roman prison. "Lucas, my fellow laborer" (Philem. 24), and "only Luke is with me" (2 Tim. 4:11). Some years, be it remarked, elapsed between these two mentions of him, and Paul had been set at liberty during that time.

But there is another way of learning about Luke. In reading Acts, we may notice the change of pronoun. It first occurs in chapter 16. In verse 8 it is, "they" came to Troas: there Luke must have joined Paul, for he continues "we" and "us" for some verses. By noting these changes carefully, we may infer when Luke was of the company and when not, as for example, he was not imprisoned at Philippi, but six or seven years later he rejoined Paul in the same place. He also accompanied him to Jerusalem, and then to Rome, where he seems to have remained near him, probably to the end. He is said to have suffered martyrdom himself at an advanced age.

He was not one of the twelve apostles, yet he writes as vividly as if he had been an eyewitness of the Lord's life. Inasmuch as he had

"perfect understanding of all things from the very first," we might expect to find in his gospel a full account of the blessed One, whom he describes "as He was, a man on the earth — the Person whom we should have met every day had we lived, at that time, in Judea or in Galilee." Such lovely stories as Luke tells us too! Where besides can we read any like those of Zacchaeus, Lazarus and the rich man, the ten lepers, the walk to Emmaus, and many more?

In this Gospel the lineage of the Lord is traced back to Adam, as if to remind us that, though Adam had failed when placed down here in the garden of God, the last Adam would not, could not, even though in a world of sin, and tempted by the devil. Adam brought in sin; Jesus would deliver from its power. The Lord's genealogy given here is through Mary.

If Luke describes in his gospel the life of the Son of man, in his second book he relates the acts of the Holy Ghost, that second divine Person who was to take His place down here, and, it may be added, who is still here. It was in His power that Peter, and Philip, and Stephen, and Paul were enabled to preach, and suffer, and die as described in Acts, and it was all done for the glory of the One whose life and death Luke related in his gospel. May the same motive govern our lives, too!

"Go On!"

If the Saviour's won your heart,
And for heav'n you've made a start,
Keep your eye upon the chart,
And — go on!

Feed on Christ, the living Bread,
Drink of Him, the Fountain Head,
Think of why His blood was shed,
And — go on!

Soon each act will meet the light,
Then we'll value things aright;
Ever keep THAT DAY in sight,
And — go on!

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